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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Supplemental Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/785,559 Examiner William H. Beisner	Applicant(s) BOVEN ET AL. Art Unit 1744
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10 June 2004 and 14 June 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-15,17-20,22-26,30-58,60 and 61.
3. The drawings filed on 14 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/10/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's ~~Amendment~~ / Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

William H. Beisner
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 1744

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 10 June 2004 has been considered and made of record. Note documents US 6,048,722 and US 4,128,456 have been lined through because these documents have already been made of record (See PTO-892s attached to the office actions dated 19 Dec. 2002 and 30 July 2003).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to the references of Olesen et al.(US 6,063,260); JP 11 083 785 and Costa et al, none of these references teach or fairly suggest the electrode(s) and perfusion inlet and/or outlet integrated and/or molded with respect to a common support.

With respect to the references of Albery et al. (US 5,462,645) and GB 2 297 383, while these references disclose a plurality of electrodes and perfusion inlet and outlet on a common support, the electrodes are not capable of impaling a cell because they are enclosed within a sealed housing and elimination of the disclosed housing would render the prior art device unsatisfactory for its intended purpose.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Beisner whose telephone number is 571-272-1269. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues. to Fri. and alt. Mon. from 6:15am to 3:45pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert J. Warden can be reached on 571-272-1281. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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